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Re: New U.S. Patent Application of
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUCING EXCESS CAPACITY
FOR RESTAURANTS AND OTHER INDUSTRIES DURING
OFF-PEAK OR OTHER TIMES

Dear Sir:

Attached is a new application for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, including thirty (30) pages of specification, twenty (20) pages of claims (numbered 1-132) and an Abstract, and eight (8) pages of drawings (Figures 1-8).

This application is being filed without a filing fee and with an unexecuted Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Accordingly, Applicants are believed to be entitled to a filing date based upon the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's receipt of the attached specification and drawings. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that a filing date of December 15, 1999 be granted to this application. The filing fee and executed Declaration will be timely filed.

In the event, should any fee is due, please charge or credit any difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206. A duplicate of this sheet is attached.

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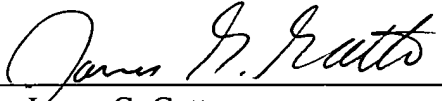
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